

ORDER NO. 1614

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Before Commissioners:

Ruth Y. Goldway, Chairman;
Robert G. Taub, Vice Chairman;
Mark Acton;
Tony Hammond; and
Nanci E. Langlely

Modification of Mail Classification Schedule
Regarding Certain Ancillary Services

Docket No. MC2013-28

NOTICE AND ORDER CONCERNING MINOR CLASSIFICATION CHANGES
RELATED TO CERTAIN ANCILLARY SERVICES

(Issued January 10, 2013)

Introduction. The Commission hereby provides notice, pursuant to 39 C.F.R. 3020.92, that the Postal Service has filed notice of a minor classification change related to the descriptions of certain Ancillary Services.¹ The Notice was filed on January 8, 2013 under Commission rules 39 C.F.R. 3020.90 and 3020.91. It also presents, as Attachment A, proposed revisions to the Mail Classification Schedule (MCS) descriptions for Ancillary Services. *Id.* Attachment A.

MCS changes. The Postal Service proposes to change the name of the “Delivery Confirmation” service to “USPS Tracking” service. *Id.* at 1. In addition to the

¹ Notice of the United States Postal Service of Minor Classification Changes Related to Certain Ancillary Services, January 8, 2013 (Notice).

name change, the Postal Service has updated and more accurately described the service and made grammatical corrections to the description. The Postal Service also proposes changes to the descriptions of Certified Mail, Certificate of Mailing, Collect on Delivery, Insurance, Merchandise Return Service, Registered Mail, Return Receipt, Return Receipt for Merchandise, Restricted Delivery, Signature Confirmation, and Special Handling services. *Id.* at 2 n.2. It states that these changes include grammatical corrections, improvements to service, and more accurate descriptions of services and product names. *Id.* at 2. The Postal Service requests approval of its proposed changes by January 27, 2013. *Id.*

Related procedural matters. The Commission has posted the Notice on its website at <http://www.prc.gov>. Interested persons are encouraged to review the Notice and Attachment A. The Commission invites comments on matters raised by the Notice, including the consistency of the change with 39 U.S.C. § 3642. The due date for comments is January 18, 2013.

The Commission appoints James F. Callow to serve as Public Representative in this proceeding.

Supplemental information. To clarify the record, the Postal Service is requested to provide a written response to the following question. An answer should be provided as soon as it is developed, but no later than January 15, 2013.

In the revised descriptions, the Postal Service uses the phrases “for a period of time specified in the Domestic Mail Manual” and “for a specified period of time” to describe the length of time that the Postal Service retains delivery records of several ancillary services. Please identify the time period these records will be retained concerning:

- a. Certified Mail (1505.5.1(b));
- b. Insurance of items insured for \$200 or less (1505.9.1(b));
- c. Insurance of items insured for more than \$200 (1505.9.1(b));
- d. Registered Mail (1505.12.1(c)); and
- e. Signature Confirmation (1505.17.1(e)).

It is ordered:

1. The Commission establishes Docket No. MC2013-28 to consider the matters raised by the Notice.
2. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. § 505, James F. Callow is appointed to serve as an officer of the Commission (Public Representative) to represent the interests of the general public in this proceeding.
3. Comments by interested persons are due by January 18, 2013.
4. A response to the supplemental information requested is due no later than January 15, 2013.

By the Commission.

Shoshana M. Grove
Secretary